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1. In response to the request from the office of Cong. Frank Becker (R., N.Y.) for a recommendation for [redacted] whom the Congress-25X1A man is considering employing permanently in his office, I called on Mr. Becker in his office this morning. I stressed that the information which we had concerning [redacted] was such that I wished to discuss it with him personally and on a highly confidential basis, to which he readily acceded. I told Cong. Becker that [redacted] had been employed provisionally by CIA pending full clearance, and that the result of the investigation while in no way reflecting on her loyalty had made it impossible for us to employ her permanently. I also pointed out that none of the conditions which made [redacted] unemployable 25X1A had shown up at CIA but were all prior to her employment here. I then informed the Congressman of the main item involved in her background which had made her unemployable, the information for which had been furnished me by the Deputy Security Officer. Mr. Becker was very grateful for this information.

2. Mr. Becker also mentioned to me the fact that he had introduced a resolution to establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence matters. He said that he had been walking through the corridors with Congresswoman Kelly, who asked him if he were not interested in this subject and without thinking the Congressman said "sure". She asked him whether CIA should not be subject to a joint committee just like the Atomic Energy Commission, and again without thinking or knowing anything about the matter he said he replied in the affirmative. Then, to his surprise, a few days later he found he had become the sponsor of one of these resolutions; that Mrs. Kelly evidently had several copies in blank and had written his name in and dropped it in the hopper. He said this had never happened to him before in his history as a legislator. I then explained to him a little of our views on the subject, particularly as to our relationship with the Armed Services Committees. It was not a subject which appeared to be of any general interest to the Congressman and it is doubtful if he would ever re-sponsor such legislation.

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